

North Side Student Association

Statement of Purpose

A message to my brothers and sisters working for democratic schools. By Steve Whitmarsh, organizer of the North Side Students Association

On February 17, I enrolled in MacArthur Senior High School. On the 18th I was indefinitely suspended. This is in the Aldine School District, not known for its liberality. I was organizing a truly representative student group for the purpose of political (read RADICAL) and political action.

Let it suffice to say that by the second day the organization numbered from 20 to 25 members, all types of people, all classifications. The group had no constitution, had solicited no funds, had circulated no petitions, had passed out no literature. It was just beginning, just being formed. Many people, however, had offered to write for the proposed paper, many people were going to draw for it, many people volunteered to type. Typing paper was donated, at least 500 sheets.

The response was terrific. We were just getting our (feces) together, just getting ready to apply for official recognition when the (feces) hit the fan. As you can see, our request for official recognition and our "aims sheet" were both very mild, containing nothing alarming or radical. We planned to work gradually. Starting at the beginning, official recognition. We were prepared to work within the laws.

Then someone who hated me for no really apparent reason went to the principal, and told him I was organizing a "militant student group" fashioned after SDS.

Because of the lies of this girl, and because I was associated with SDS, and trying to get the students together, I

Your board must classify you in the lowest classification for which you are eligible. 1-A is the highest.

1-A--Available for military duty.

1-A-O--C. O. available for noncombatant duty.

1-O--C. O. available for civilian alternative service.

1-S--High school student or college student ordered to report for induction but deferred to complete his school year.

1-Y--Qualified for military or alternative service only in time of war or national emergency.

II-A--Deferred for essential civilian work.

II-C--Deferred for essential agricultural work.

II-S--Deferred for college or graduate study.

1-D--Member of military reserve unit or student taking military training.

III-A--Dependency deferment.

IV-D--Minister or ministerial student

IV-F--Not qualified for any service.

V-A--Over age.

I-W--C. O. performing civilian work.

DRAFT LAW



NON-COMBATANTS

Persons who feel some necessity of military force, but who have conscientious scruples against taking another man's life may register as non-combatants. If the local board decides that the person actually has some scruples

against murder, the person may be placed in medical training, the military band, or office work, thus freeing other men for the battlefield.

C.O.*

A conscientious objector is opposed to both combatant and non-combatant duty in the armed forces.

He does, however, acknowledge an obligation to perform a period of socially useful service.

If one holds these qualifications for the CO status, there is one further requirement. He must convince the board. If the board does not agree and refuses to violate his beliefs, there is only one other alternative:

NON-COOPERATION

Many people feel that the government should not have the right to decide who has a conscience and who does not. These people often risk prosecution by sending their draft cards back to the draft board, burning the card or ignoring it. Other persons become noncooperators when they are refused CO status.

For more information about the draft, contact this newspaper or the

Draft Counseling Service of Houston at 104 North Sampson Street or the Houston Committee to End the War in Vietnam at P. O. Box 1811 in Houston.

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was suspended, ?/##\$&%#.

But I can appeal this suspension to the superintendent of schools of the Aldine School District. This I plan to do. I will go higher and higher

(?) until justice is done, and it must be done. I am right. I did nothing wrong, but I am suspended.

But if for some reason justice is not done,

we all will have learned something - you can't work within the exist-

ing structure to change it, it, you have to attack it from the outside.

Vencekemos!

Steve Whitmarsh

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THE DAY TIME BEGAN

by SEN. EDWARD MCGOWEN

Our days were yellow and green
we marked the seasons with respect,
but spring was ours. We were shoots
and sprouts, and greenings,
We heard the first word
that fish were running in the creek.
Secretive we went with men into sheds
for torches and tridents
for nets and traps.
We shared the wildness of that week,
in men and fish. First fruits
after the winter. Dried meat gone,
the pork barrel holding only brine.
Bank clerks came out in skins,
teachers in loin cloths,
while game wardens drove in darkened cars,
watching the vagrant flares
beside the fish mad streams, or crouched
at home to see who came and went,
holding their peace
surprised by violence.

We were spendthrift of time
A day was not too much to spend
to find a willow right for a whistle
to blow the greenest sound the world
has ever heard.
Another day to search the oak and hickory thickets,
geometry and experience run together
to choose the fork, fit
for a sling.
Whole days long we pursued the spotted frogs
and dared the curse of newts and toads.

New adams, unhurried, pure, we checked
the names
given by the old.
Some things we found well titled
blood-root for sight
skunks for smell
crab apples for taste
yarrow for sound
mallow for touch.
Some we found named ill, too little or too much
or in a foreign tongue.
These we challenged with new names.
Space was our pre-occupation,
infinity, not eternity our concern
We were strong bent on counting,
the railroad ties, so many to a mile,
the telephone poles, the cars that passed,
marking our growth against the door frames.

The sky was a kite,
I flew it on a string, winding
it in to see its blue, again
to count the whirling swallows,
and read the patterned scroll of blackbirds turning
to check the markings of the hawk,

and then letting it out to the end
of the last pinched inch of
string, in the vise of thumb and finger.

One day the string broke,
the kite fled over the shoulder of the world,
but reluctantly, reaching back in great lunges
as lost do, or as a girl running
in a reversed movie, as at each arched step
the earth
set free, leaps forward, catching
her farther back
the treadmill doubly betraying.
Remote and more remote.

Now I lie on a west facing hill in October
the dragging string having circled the world,
the universe,
crosses my hand in the grass. I do not grasp it,
it brushes my closed eyes, I do not open
That world is no longer mine, but for
remembrance
Space ended then, and time began.

Masterson *Reverend* *Love* and cannot accept the pro-controversy related to the events" he said "I am af- cedures used to select the method of my selection. To do so would create un-
raid I have no satisfactory new president. Specifi- cally, the students object necessary dissent a-
answer to that question. tially, the Student-Faculty mong the university's
A faculty meeting was Committee, which was re-communit of governors,
called for the next day at quested by the Board and faculty, students and
which the following mo- tion was passed 101 to 7: sulted about the final ap- initiative and responsibil-
"The faculty of Rice Uni- pointment. We emphatically, therefore, I submit
versity vigorously pro- tely request that this ap- my resignation effective
tests the procedures used pointment be reconsidered this date. My most cor-
to select the new presi- dial best wishes to you,
dent. Specifically, the after appropriate consul- William H. Masterson."
faculty objects that the tation with the Student- Faculty Presidential Se-
Student-Faculty Commit- lection Committee."
tee, which was requested by the Board and duly e-
lected, was not consulted meeting in the gym, Dr.
about the final appoint- Masterson and Malcolm
ment. We emphatically Lovett, chairman of the
request that this appoint- Rice Board of Trustees,
ment be reconsidered af- held a press conference.
ter appropriate consulta- Asked if the appointment
tion with the Student-Fa- could be reconsidered, Lo-
culty Presidential Selection vett replied "That would
Committee." be like calling back yes-
At a student meeting in terday."
the Rice gymnasium on Following the press con-
February 22, the student ference, Dr. Masterson
body passed the following- talked with groups of stu-
resolution by a vote of dents and faculty mem-
951 to 7: "The students of bers. He saw the unified
Rice University protest

opposition and on Tuesday,
February 25, sent the fol-
lowing letter to Lovett:

"Dear Mr. Lovett: As you
know, the Trustees of
Rice University, in the
exercise of their exclusive
right and responsibility,
did me the honor of elect-
ing me President of the
University. My election to
the presidency is an honor
I will always cherish and I
am deeply grateful to you
and your distinguished
colleagues for the confi-
dence you have placed in
me. None the less, I do
not believe it to be in the
best interest of the uni-
versity for me to under-
take the duties of the
presidency in the midst of

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sonnel were in the Student
Association office as the
word came through and af-
ter a minute of stunned
surprise, the room fell
into quiet contemplation.
A new respect for Dr.
Masterson was born; a new
feeling for the man who
had been caught in the mid-
dle of the battle. True,
many of the faculty were
personally opposed to Mas-
terson, but the students
had opposed only the pro-
cedure of the Board.

Reader From St. Louis, by BEN CROW

"Asqueado" was not merely avant-garde, but genuinely underground.
Nor was it a typical example of the high-school press. Every issue
was highly refined; a polished product of patience and skill. A
publication keyed especially for low circulation, we printed ten
copies a week. The name "Asqueado" lent a strong revolutionary
flavor to the paper, as well as promoting a healthy spirit of
protest for those who knew the word actually meant "disgust".
Though the paper was "spirit duplicated" all on a single page,
every square inch was crammed with material of a most seditious
nature. Every article printed was chosen for its extremely sub-
versive content while even the headlines were pornographic. But
to avoid creating much of a stir, we lettered them in Russian. But
Asqueado was not destined to flourish into the full flower of
vibrant avant-garde. Despite the spirit it had momentarily aroused,
it never recieved adequate support in the endeavour. So, after three
glorious issues, Asqueado silently receded into the oblivion from
which it had once briefly emerged.

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